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Currently, purveyors of bottled water and operators of commercial water-purification machines are not imposed by law to label bottles with products' contents nor provide a detailed water quality analysis.

According to the Natural Resources Defense Council's (NRDC) website, "FDA rules allow bottlers to call their product 'spring water' even though it may be brought to the surface using a pumped well, and even though it may be treated with chemicals." The NRDC also contends that "about one-fourth of bottled water is actually bottled tap water."

At present, bottled water is regulated as a food product by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, unlike public water systems, which fall under State regulations. The Federal government does not demand the same level of disclosure.

Consumers have a need for full water disclosure and the right to know and understand the quality of their drinking water. A bill by Senator Ellen Corbett, SB 220 requires that the State compel all water agencies to make details regarding their water's contents and sources readily available. Specifically, SB 220 would require bottlers of water sold in single-serving containers to include on the label or on a package insert the name and contact information for the bottler or brand owner, the source of the water, and an Internet address or other means to obtain a water-quality report. Companies that sell multi-gallon containers would have to provide similar information with monthly bills. Operators of vending machines that dispense purified water would have to print disclosures on the machines, which would have to be cleaned and sanitized monthly and be inspected by the California State Department of Health Services.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors send a five-signature letter to Governor Schwarzenegger in support of SB 220.

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